



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006 AT 2:00 PM

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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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- May 25, 2006

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1. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2006
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE MIAMI-
DADE TRANSIT SECTION *(Roll Call Required)*

2. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE FY 2007-
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B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

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FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION
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TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL WORK

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND SELECTED FIRMS

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RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY METROPOLITAN CENTER TO UPDATE THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION

5. REPORTS

- A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS
- B. COUNTY MANAGER
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- D. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DISTRICT VI)
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- 1. MPO Board May Meeting Follow-up Report

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The following members were present at the meeting:

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| Ruben D. Almaguer | Julio Robaina |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Dorin D. Rolle |
| Audrey M. Edmonson | Darryl K. Sharpton |
| Carlos A. Gimenez | Katy Sorenson |
| Perla T. Hantman | Javier D. Souto |
| Sally A. Heyman | Richard L. Steinberg |
| Chairman Joe A. Martinez | |

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary L. Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Carlos F. Bonzon, Assistant County Manager; Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Robert A. Cuevas, First Assistant County Attorney.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney Cuevas informed the Board that item 5.B.1 Seaport Access/Freight Stakeholders Forum: Final Report was added to the agenda. He further stated that the following Action Items are modified with the distributed substitute documents:

- 4.A.2 Transit Development Program Update-Substitute pages from the proposed TDP document (**White**)
- 4.B.1 South Link Corridor Locally Preferred Alternative- Substitute memorandum and resolution (**Blue**)
- 4.B.7 FY 2007 UPWP Amendments and Joint Participation Agreement- Substitute Exhibit A (**Green**)

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Moss moved for approval of the May 25, 2006 minutes. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES

1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST

Board Member Almaguer appointed Michael Dunn to the Citizens Transportation Review Committee (CTAC).

2. CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Ms. Naomi Wright, CTAC 1st Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. She informed the Board that CTAC co-hosted the Annual Regional Citizens' Advisory Committee with Palm Beach and Broward Counties Citizens' Committee on June 14, 2006. She further informed that the Committee received presentations on SunGuide's SmarTraveler 511, FDOT State Road 7 Fast Bus Project, MDT's Consumer Information Network (CIN) System, South Florida East Coast Transit Corridor Study, and the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update. She concluded by informing the Board of the resolution passed by CTAC. *(A copy of CTAC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Mr. Juan Crespi, TARC Vice-Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on TARC activities. He informed the Board that TARC passed a resolution accepting the Preliminary Engineering phase of the North Corridor Station Designs, Landscape Architecture and Alignment as presented by MDT. He further stated that TARC urged the project team to consider TARC recommendations and comments regarding the project. He concluded by stating that TARC passed a resolution supporting the Miami Streetcar Alternative Analysis and recommended the incorporation of Aesthetics in project procurement documents and specification.

4. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on BPAC activities. He informed the Board that BPAC received a presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation on the PD&E study for Krome Avenue south of SW 136th Street. The project included paved shoulders on the road and a separate paved path for bicyclists and walkers as recommended in the South Dade Greenways

Network Master Plan. He then stated that BPAC passed a resolution in support of this project. He also informed the Board that BPAC participated in the mandatory ethics training by the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. He concluded by stating that BPAC will host the Livable Communities workshop on Friday, July 21, 2006 at the Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus.

Board Member Sorenson requested that staff include in the bicycle/pedestrian educational literature proper usage of safety bells when cycling.

Board Member Souto encouraged staff to be more creative in educating the public on the bike/pedestrian safety issues since funding is limited. He further explained that staff should consider using resources that are available like activities at the parks, community centers, and County television programs. He concluded by requesting staff to contact his office to make arrangements to discuss Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety issues on programs sponsored by Commission District 10.

5. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

No report provided on this item.

B. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. MDX Status Report

*This item was **deferred** until the next MPO meeting.*

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT SECTION (**ROLL CALL REQUIRED**)*

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman Moss closed the public hearing.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

2. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE FY 2007-2011 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman Moss closed the public hearing.

Board Member Sorenson requested clarity on whether the proposed program includes purchasing hybrid vehicles. Mr. Bradley, MDT Director, responded yes. He further stated that the agency is dedicated to purchasing as many hybrid buses as possible.

Vice Chairman Moss requested that staff provide a report on the anticipated number of hybrid buses the agency expects to purchase with the identified budget.

Board Member Souto requested clarity on the type of hybrid vehicles MDT will be purchasing. Mr. Roosevelt responded that MDT has researched various types of hybrid buses including diesel-electric and bio-diesel buses. He then stated that the previously purchased MDT methanol buses were converted back to diesel because the performance ratings were very poor. He concluded by stating that based on the agency research the most reliable technology available that supports the type of services provided by MDT is the diesel electric buses.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. SOUTH LINK CORRIDOR LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

RESOLUTION SELECTING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Mr. Larry Foutz, MPO, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the South Link Corridor Locally Preferred Alternative.

Board Member Sorenson expressed concern with staff's recommendation of Alternative 6 because it removes the acquisition of right-of way from medium range and pushes it further into the long-range. She concluded by stating that the land should be purchased today to avoid the higher real estate prices in the future. She further concluded by stating that she supported alternative 5.

Board Member Gimenez stated that the Metrorail option is projected as the most expensive alternative with the least cost per user benefit. He further stated that officials should be careful before placing Metrorail as a viable option considering the lack of funding available.

Board Member Barreiro stated that he supports Alternative 5 because it positions the County to better accommodate the anticipated future growth in the South Dade area.

Board Member Sorenson moved for the selection of Alternative 5 as the locally preferred alternative for the South Miami-Dade Corridor Transportation Alternatives Analysis. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion.

Mr. Foutz informed the Board that the difference between Alternatives 5 and 6 were the timing of implementation of the BRT improvements and the Metrorail.

Vice Chairman Moss expressed concern with setting the vision for the South Dade preferred alternative as a BRT and later having to try and reverse this decision to a Metrorail alternative.

Board Member Steinberg stated that today's community needs should be addressed prior to the Board reserving funding for areas they expect will grow in the future. He concluded by stating that having the BRT in place is a great way to get into the corridor within a shorter time period and also have an impact of enhancing the existing Metrorail system.

Board Member Sharpton stated that Alternative 5 also includes BRT improvements in addition to setting up infrastructure to accommodate a future Metrorail system.

After much discussion the item was put to a vote by roll call, the motion failed 7-7.

Board Member Gimenez moved for approval of the resolution selecting Modified Enhanced Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternative #6 with a provision of supporting a long-range Metrorail extension south of SW 104th Street as demand warrants as the LPA for the South Link Corridor. Board Member Hantman seconded the motion. The item passed 8-6.

2. KENDALL TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

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*CORRIDOR PROJECT BUDGET TO ACCOMMODATE
ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL WORK*

Chairman Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) DISTRICT 6 FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR PROJECTS IDENTIFIED AS REGIONAL PRIORITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Chairman Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. VANPOOL PROGRAM CONTRACT EXTENSION

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Board Member Sharpton requested that staff contact him to provide clarification on the South Florida Vanpool Program.

Chairman Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND SELECTED FIRMS

Board Member Sorenson moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Almaguer seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

6. MPO GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT (GPC) WORK ORDER

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE NE/NW 36TH STREET STUDY

Board Member Edmondson requested the resolution, memorandum and scope of services reflect the proposed study boundaries of NE/NW 36th Street from I-95 to Biscayne Boulevard and areas northward to NW/NE 54th Street and NW/NE 20th Street to the south.

Board Member Edmonson moved for approval of the resolution as amended. Chairman Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution as amended passed unanimously.

7. FY 2007 UPWP AMENDMENTS AND JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2007 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) ADDING THE SOUTH MIAMI TROLLEY AND THE U.S. 1 REVERSIBLE FLOW LANE STUDIES AND ENTERING INTO JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCESS THE NEEDED FUNDS

Board Member Gimenez moved for approval of the resolution as amended. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution as amended passed unanimously.

8. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY METROPOLITAN CENTER TO UPDATE THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION

Board Member Sorenson moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed with one dissent.

5. REPORTS

A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of a resolution commending Florida Department of Transportation District 6 for the Biscayne Boulevard Reconstruction Project from NE 87th Street to NE 123rd Street. Chairman Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Board Member Heyman requested that staff further efforts to accelerate South Florida East Coast Transit Analysis. She further stated that greater community outreach during phase I of the study needs to be provided. She then requested that staff keep her updated on the FDOT FEC meetings that are currently taking place for the study. She concluded by requesting that staff research whether any additional funding for the South Florida East Coast Transit Analysis will be needed.

Chairman Martinez moved for the cancellation of the August 24, 2006 MPO meeting. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. COUNTY MANAGER

1. Seaport Access/Freight Stakeholders Forum: Final Report

*This item was **deferred** until next MPO meeting.*

C. COUNTY ATTORNEY

No discussion under this item.

D. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (District VI)

F. MPO SECRETARIAT

1. MPO Board February Meeting Follow-up Report

No discussion under this item.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.